

About Dr. Cassius Clay Keith (1867 - 1951)

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On or shortly after November 28, 1867 in Osage, Iowa, Albina E. Selleck and Lewis Keith named their newly born son Cassius Clay Keith, and this was 75 years before the boxer Cassius Clay was born in 1942, and become heavyweight champion of the world for the first time in 1964. Alias Muhammad Ali, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. was born in Louisville, KY, and also became a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War. Notice also how similar Dr. Cassius Clay Keith is to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the curious anti-symmetries of Martin Luther being white and in black King's past, while Cassius Clay was black and in white Keith's future!

From the Hastings, Nebraska Daily Tribune of Friday, Oct. 20, 1933, I quote,¹ "An Old-Timer Recalls Days of Wild Buffalo and Indians: Dr. C. C. Keith looked out his office window with a far away expression in his eyes and flipped the calendar back 64 years. 'Why, I well remember,' he said slowly as if re-living that far off day, 'of seeing the doggondest buffalo fight down there on the Blue north of where Bladen is now. Of all the bellowing and dust and excitement! Those ol bulls were some scrappers. And we kids just perched up on the bluff high above em and had a ring-side seat. That was in 1871, before the big rush of emigrants in 1872 drove all the buffalo out of the country... Many times during those early years we awoke to see Indians streaming across the horizon. Often they were still streaming across at sundown.'..."

Finally from the Daily Tribune of Aug. 7, 1951, p.1: "Dentist Dies At Home Here. Dr. C. C. Keith, 83, practiced dentistry here from 1904, when he graduated from the Northwestern University Dental College in Chicago, until his retirement in 1937. Since that time he had received recognition for his intricate wood inlay pictures, and was well-known as an authority on flower gardens. A member of all Masonic bodies, and a 33rd degree Mason, he was especially active in the Scottish Rite..." He married Anna Taggart about 1892, who with one of four daughters preceded him in death.

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